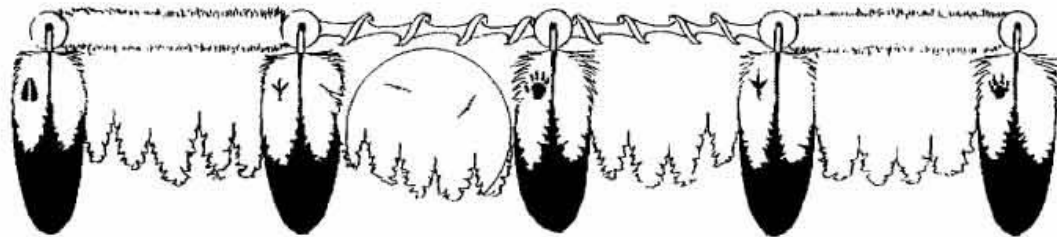


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Newly elected officials take oath of office



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OATH OF OFFICE: Chief Justice Joseph H. Martin administers the oath of office to newly elected Menominee Tribal Legislators – Sarah Skubitz, Myron Pyawasit, and Lisa Waukau at the organizational meeting of the nine member board on Friday, February 9, 2001.

By Yvonne M. Kaquatoch
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The Organizational meeting of the Menominee Tribal Legislature went on as planned Friday, February 9, 2001, despite the inclement weather that shut down the Tribal Offices last Thursday and Friday.

The meeting was called to order

by Chief Justice Joseph H. Martin and roll call taken with all nine members of the governing body present.

A Flag Song performed by the Menominee Indian High School (MIHS) Singers and Drum was followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Menominee Veterans.

Dave 'Nahwahquah' Grignon then

gave his blessing with a Menominee Prayer.

Chief Justice Martin administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Menominee Tribal Legislators Sarah Skubitz, Myron Pyawasit and Lisa Waukau as spectators, family members and friends witnessed the

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Investors hope to change governor's mind on casino project

Special from
Associated Press

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) – Investors in a proposed casino complex hope to persuade the governor to change his mind and support the plan.

Joseph Andrea, an investor in the casino plan, said Gov. Scott McCallum made his anti-casino feelings clear.

Still, "I'd like to have an opportunity to review all this" for him, if the plan gets federal approval, said Andrea, who served in the state Senate with McCallum.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs is reviewing the Menominee tribe's application for the \$275 million casino complex. The tribe wants to annex the Dairyland Greyhound Park in Kenosha as reservation land.

The plan would need approval from the BIA and McCallum, who has said he would not endorse it.

The project has community support, a point casino backers hope may sway McCallum, whose new job is up for election in 2002.

Roy Berger, the track's executive

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Area Lakes Monitored for Oxygen

Most lakes have adequate oxygen levels

By Jeremy Pyatskowitz
MITW-Environmental Tech.

The Environmental Services Department has recently finished monitoring select lakes on the reservation for dissolved oxygen.

The following lakes have been included in the recent monitoring: Weso, Founder, St. Joseph, Marsh, Hazel, Crowell, Upper Bass, Lower Bass, Elma, Burney, Sand, Round, Pine, Rice, Little Rice, and Moshawquit.

Most of the lakes had adequate oxygen levels for this time of year with the exception of Weso, Rice, and Little Rice. The early snow cover on the lakes this year tends to lower oxygen levels due to lack of

photosynthesis taking place under the ice. When decomposition occurs, oxygen is consumed during the process and with no replacement, the oxygen levels steadily drop throughout the winter. If the levels drop below 3 parts per million (ppm) it has a negative effect on warm water species such as bluegills and bass and below 5 ppm, it affects cold water species such as trout.

Weso Lake has had low oxygen levels in the past and this may be influenced by the large wetland area that surrounds the lake.

The Environmental Services Dept will continue to investigate problem lakes to try and determine any causes that result in a drop in water quality.

Any questions can be referred to the Environmental Services Department.

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vice president, said Dairyland will stay in Kenosha as an entertainment and gambling venue.

He said he hopes McCallum will change his mind about the casino, but Dairyland's owners will find a way to enhance the facility if that doesn't happen.

'You never say never,' Berger said.

Tribal leaders pushed for approval while Tommy Thompson was governor. Thompson, who recently resigned to become President Bush's health and human services secretary, has said he probably would have approved the plan.

Joseph Madrigrano Jr., a Kenosha lawyer and casino investor, said if the plan gets federal approval, 'then it will be up to somebody to get (McCallum) to say yes.'

Attempts to reach Menominee Tribal Chairman for comment on the latest developments were unsuccessful.

On the Net:

Bureau of Indian Affairs:

<http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html>

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historical event. The event was once again complemented by an Honor Song by the MIHS Singers and Drum.

The next order of business was the setting of the Chairman's salary. Legislator Wilmer Peters made a motion to have the salary remain at \$100,000.00 a year. The motion was seconded by Legislator Eugene Caldwell. Legislator Sarah Skubitz expressed her concerns on the amount of the salary, stating that with the current budget situation, the salary of the Chairman should be reduced to \$70,000.00. Both legislators Sylvia Wilber and Margaret Snow agreed. After brief deliberation, the motion carried 5 for (Peters, Boyd, Caldwell, Pyawasit, and Waukau), 3 opposed (Skubitz, Wilber and Snow) and 1 abstention (Apesanahkwat).

The election of the Chairperson followed. Lisa Waukau nominated Apesanahkwat, while Margaret Snow nominated Sarah Skubitz. Wilber declined a nomination made by Skubitz. A motion to cease nominations was made by Wilber and was seconded by Snow. The motion carried unanimously. A roll call vote was called for by Snow and was seconded by Skubitz. The motion passed unanimously.

The roll call vote for Chairman went as follows: 5 for Apesanahkwat (Peters, Caldwell, Boyd, Pyawasit, and Waukau), 3 for Skubitz (Skubitz, Wilber and Snow) and 1 abstention (Apesanahkwat). Apesanahkwat was declared Chairperson by Chief Justice Martin.

Apesanahkwat continued with the next item on the agenda, the election of Vice-Chairman. Eugene

Caldwell nominated newly elected member Myron Pyawasit for the vice-chair post while Margaret Snow was nominated by Sarah Skubitz. A motion to cease nominations was made by Boyd and seconded by Waukau. The motion carried unanimously.

The vote for vice-chair went as follows: 6 for Pyawasit (Peters, Caldwell, Waukau, Apesanahkwat, Boyd, and Pyawasit), 3 for Snow (Skubitz, Wilber and Snow). Pyawasit was declared Vice-Chairman.

Lisa Waukau was nominated for the Secretary post by Myron Pyawasit. No other nominations were made. Caldwell made a motion to cease nominations with a second made by Boyd. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Legislator Waukau was elected to the post with all nine members concurring.

The meeting was adjourned after a Flag Song and the Colors were retired.

Well wishers then filed through to congratulate all nine legislative members, Secretary Waukau was heard to say that 'It's going to be a good year.'

The top three seats on the legislature, are voted on annually by the nine member board.

The ceremony begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Ada Deer/Black Hawk Room of the Menominee Nation Casino Complex.